



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017

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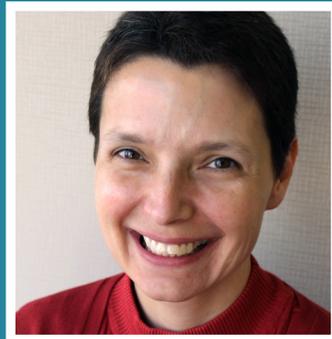
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A Message From Director Martin

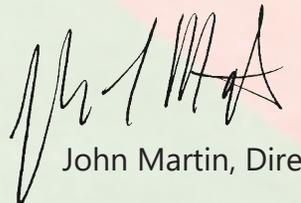
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As you read our Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 report, you will see the incredible amount of work that has gone into strengthening Ohio's system. We are fortunate that Governor John Kasich and the Ohio Legislature have given the department the resources needed to support Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

Every day I have the privilege to be around people who are devoted to improving our service delivery system.

As staff of Ohio's Department of Developmental Disabilities, we try to listen to the many voices in our system, some who think we are moving too fast and some who think we move too slowly. Our job is to work to find a balance and chart a path forward that reflects the diverse needs and opinions of our community.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has pitched in and helped with our work over the past year: advocates and self-advocates, families and guardians, direct care providers and provider agencies, county boards of developmental disabilities and their board members. Thank you for offering your insight, your wisdom, your time, and your energy to make Ohio a better place for people with developmental disabilities and ultimately for everyone.



John Martin, Director

Brian Storm (left), CEO of Sports Force Parks in Sandusky, discusses with Director John Martin his business' adaptable playing fields for kids with developmental disabilities.

Photo by Rebecca Myers

About the Department

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) oversees a statewide system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities and their families with the support of a diverse stakeholder community. The department does this by developing services for children and adults that ensure health and safety, encourage participation in the community, and increase opportunities for meaningful employment.

Mission and Vision

Our mission is the continuous improvement of the quality of life for Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families.

Our vision is that Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families will experience lives that provide opportunities for personal security, physical and emotional well-being, full community participation, productivity, and equal rights.



Nearly 96,000 Ohioans access services by working with their county board of developmental disabilities, direct service providers, and provider agencies to get the support they need to live the life they want.

Slone, a service and support associate with Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities, chats with John about his job success at Kewpee Hamburgers in Lima.

Photo by Rebecca Myers



Helping people live better lives wherever they choose to
live, work and spend their day

Where People Live



Waiver Settings

More than 36,600 people access person-centered supports through home and community-based service waiver settings; that might be someone living at home on their own, with family, with a roommate, or with someone who provides full-time care through Ohio Shared Living.

State-Funded Waivers Assigned

More Ohioans with disabilities are moving into community settings. Of the new waivers funded by Governor John Kasich's 2016-17 Executive Budget, 1,864 were designated to address the needs of people on the Waiting List and 800 for those who wished to move from an intermediate care facility to a waiver setting. Building on the work of the last fiscal year, all 2,664 of these waivers were assigned.

Of the remaining state-funded waivers, 65 were assigned to people who preferred to access services in their current setting, rather than receiving services in an intermediate care facility.

Once a person is assigned a waiver, their county board of developmental disabilities may begin working with them to find housing and service providers, working to meet the needs identified in their person-centered service plan.

Ohio Shared Living offers support to people with developmental disabilities in a community setting, living with a caregiver paid to provide hands-on care and supportive services. Ohio Shared Living participation increased from 1,500 to more than 1,800 people in FY 2017, in tandem with increased outreach efforts made by the department.

More Services in the Community

A steady increase in the number of people accessing prior fiscal year initiatives, such as nursing services available through the Individual Options Waiver or the state-funded behavioral support rate add-on, illustrates an expanding availability of services in community settings.

Forty-seven grants were made to provider agencies and county boards of developmental disabilities to support broadening the community-based services they offer. Grantees from across Ohio committed to building or expanding models that prioritize person-centered community services.

Support for Community Living

More than \$600,000 in rental assistance was used to support people moving from a residential facility to community housing. More than 600 people received follow-along services, supporting their move from an intermediate care facility or developmental center to a community setting, ensuring timely health and safety interventions, and helping to build a network of community resources.

Over \$20 million in capital assistance funding was made available to county boards of developmental disabilities and nonprofit organizations for the purchase, construction and renovation of housing for people with developmental disabilities, expanding options for living in community settings.

Where People Live



Intermediate Care Facilities

Nearly 6,000 people live in private intermediate care facilities and eight state-run developmental centers. As an important component of Ohio's developmental disabilities service system, facility-based settings provide a bundle of services to people in one location with 24/7 access to emergency care.

Expanding Community Options

Intermediate care facilities participated in the department's statewide 2017 Transformation Summit, taking part in facilitated assessment, implementation planning, and service evaluation with the goal of expanding access to community-based services.

In preparation for expanding intermediate care facility participation in Employment First, a statewide initiative to support people with developmental disabilities in accessing employment opportunities, the department worked with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities to facilitate meetings and enhance a mutual understanding of systems and processes. The result was an increase in participation in employment services by intermediate care facility residents.

Eleven grants were coordinated through the department to support intermediate care facilities in developing innovative, community-based employment and service options to support people with complex needs. Grants focused on assessment, strategic planning, staff training, braiding multiple funding sources, and stakeholder outreach.

Informed Choices

Pre-admission counseling is meant to ensure that someone with a developmental disability understands their options for getting the services they need and is required before admission to an intermediate care facility with nine or more beds. FY 2017 saw 247 people complete pre-admission counseling, with 83 percent or 204 people choosing to pursue admission to an intermediate care facility.

Options counseling helps intermediate care facility residents get a better understanding of how waiver services can be coordinated to meet their needs in a community setting. Participants can request a waiver upon completion or contact the department directly to request one without participating in options counseling.

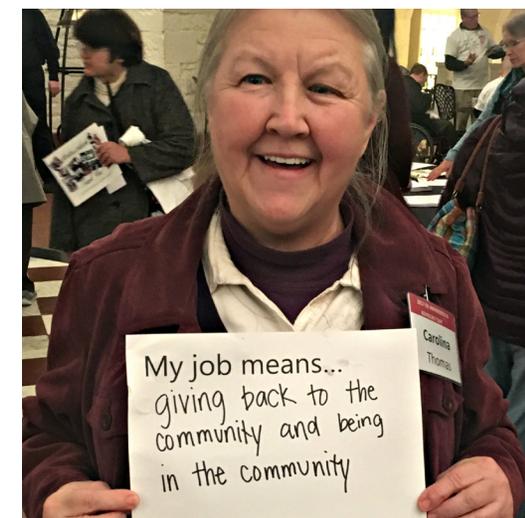
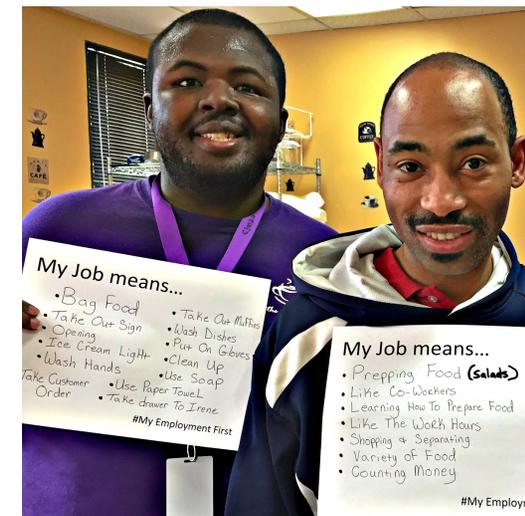
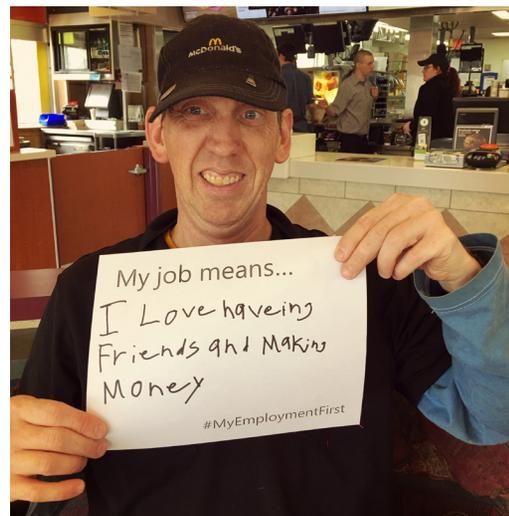
FY 2017 saw 1,133 people participate in options counseling with 55 percent or 618 people choosing to continue living in their current intermediate care facility.

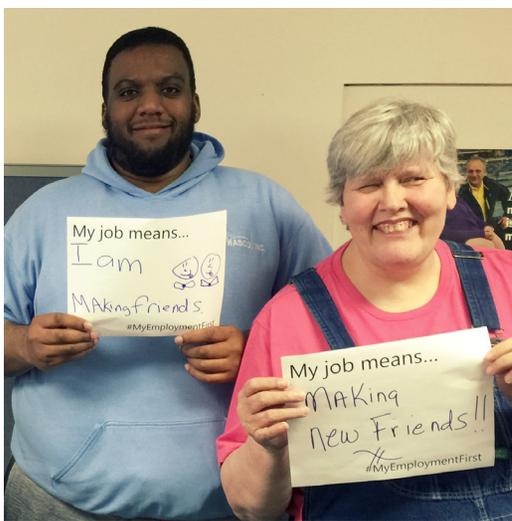
Where People Work

Community Employment

Employment First celebrates five years of ensuring every person with a developmental disability of working age has an opportunity to work, earn money, and contribute to their community.

The department's #MyEmploymentFirst campaign received nearly 100 photos from 25 counties showcasing what a job in the community means to people with developmental disabilities.

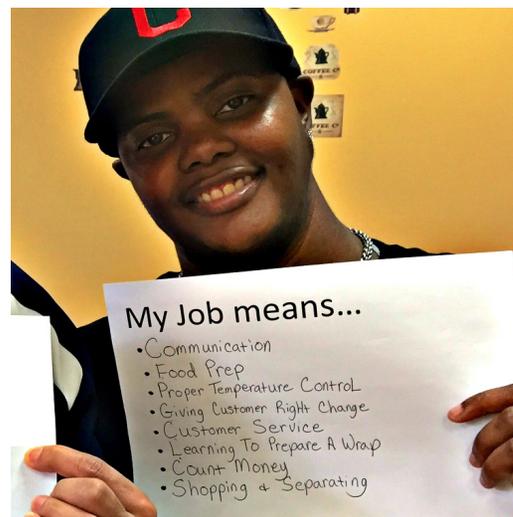




Over **9,000** people accessing services participate in integrated employment services.



That's an increase of nearly **2,000** people participating in integrated employment since Employment First launched in 2012.



Nearly **8,000** people visited **Disability Benefits 101** online income and benefit planning tools.

Providers and County Boards

The department recognizes that supporting people with developmental disabilities means also supporting direct service providers, provider agencies, and county boards of developmental disabilities with training and tools.

In addition to the department's expanding catalog of online courses and in-person training, FY 2017 included department-funded initiatives, Project CIRCLE and Project Transformation, that offered statewide technical assistance and training to support providers in expanding opportunities for community integration.

Ohio's multiyear strategy to transform adult day service options was further bolstered by new state-funded rate add-ons incentivizing those who provide community integration services and support medical needs within adult day services.



imagineIS

Built to support person-centered services, the imagine Information System, or imagineIS, streamlines administrative processes and offers real-time information sharing for team members supporting the person at the center of a service plan. With more than 1,000 people trained on imagineIS during FY 2017, including county board of developmental disability staff, service providers, provider agencies, people with developmental disabilities, families, and guardians, it is no surprise that the number of service plans published in the system increased from 2,400 to 3,200.

Twenty-four counties currently are in some phase of use, training, or implementation supported by the department's Information Technology Services Continuous Circle of Support.

Early Intervention

With the transition of Early Intervention, the department now can offer programs to support a person with developmental disabilities across their lifespan. Providing services to parents of children younger than three years old who have developmental delays or disabilities, Early Intervention provides support and resources to assist families in enhancing their child's development through everyday learning.

98% of children served receive services in natural environments -- places they live or feel the most comfortable. Online and in-person training was developed to support service coordinators covering topics from evidence-based practices to successful assessments.

22,000

people took part in 273 in-person training events on topics including trauma-informed care, provider billing, behavioral support strategies, and the Employment First Transition Framework.

10,000

people participated in more than 140 live webinars on topics such as changes to home and community-based services, new and modified adult day services, person-centered planning, and health and welfare.



Jill (left) with Linda take a break from serving patrons at one bistro in Xenia Ohio.

Photo by Ruth Steinbach



Beverly (right), an employee at Bob Evans in Coshocton, talks with her service and support administrator, Carolyn.

Photo by Rebecca Myers

3,225

people have accessed free online courses through MyLearning, where users can store and print required training certificates. FY 2017 offered six new online courses including Community Integration, Money Management, Service and Support Administrator training, and an eight-hour direct service provider training.

Where People Spend Their Day

Participating in More Integrated Services

The department launched new adult day waiver services, including Career Planning, Individual Employment Supports, and Group Employment Supports, along with modified vocational habilitation and adult day supports to focus on community integration opportunities and community service settings.

Created in partnership with stakeholders, revised adult day services prioritize person-centered planning, community employment and community membership. Employment services like Career Planning focus on outcomes that support people on their path to community employment. Career Planning contains nine service components that focus on preparing and supporting people interested in working in their community.

People with complex medical needs can access more support in community settings since medication administration rules were revised in FY 2017 and enhanced by a rate add-on for service providers supporting medical needs within adult day services.

Getting Involved

Learning and Advocating

With more than 3,700 online members, LoopOhio.com was created to share ideas and connect people with peers and professionals around the state. People with disabilities, family members, advocates and professionals have joined LoopOhio to receive mentoring and training from peers and subject matter experts.

Ten peer mentors and eight support allies were trained to teach the *Speak Up, Stay Safe: Community Health and Safety* curriculum. Training sessions are facilitated by people with disabilities for people with disabilities. Topics include sexuality and dating, abuse and bullying, alcohol, drugs, and online safety.

Family Advisory Council

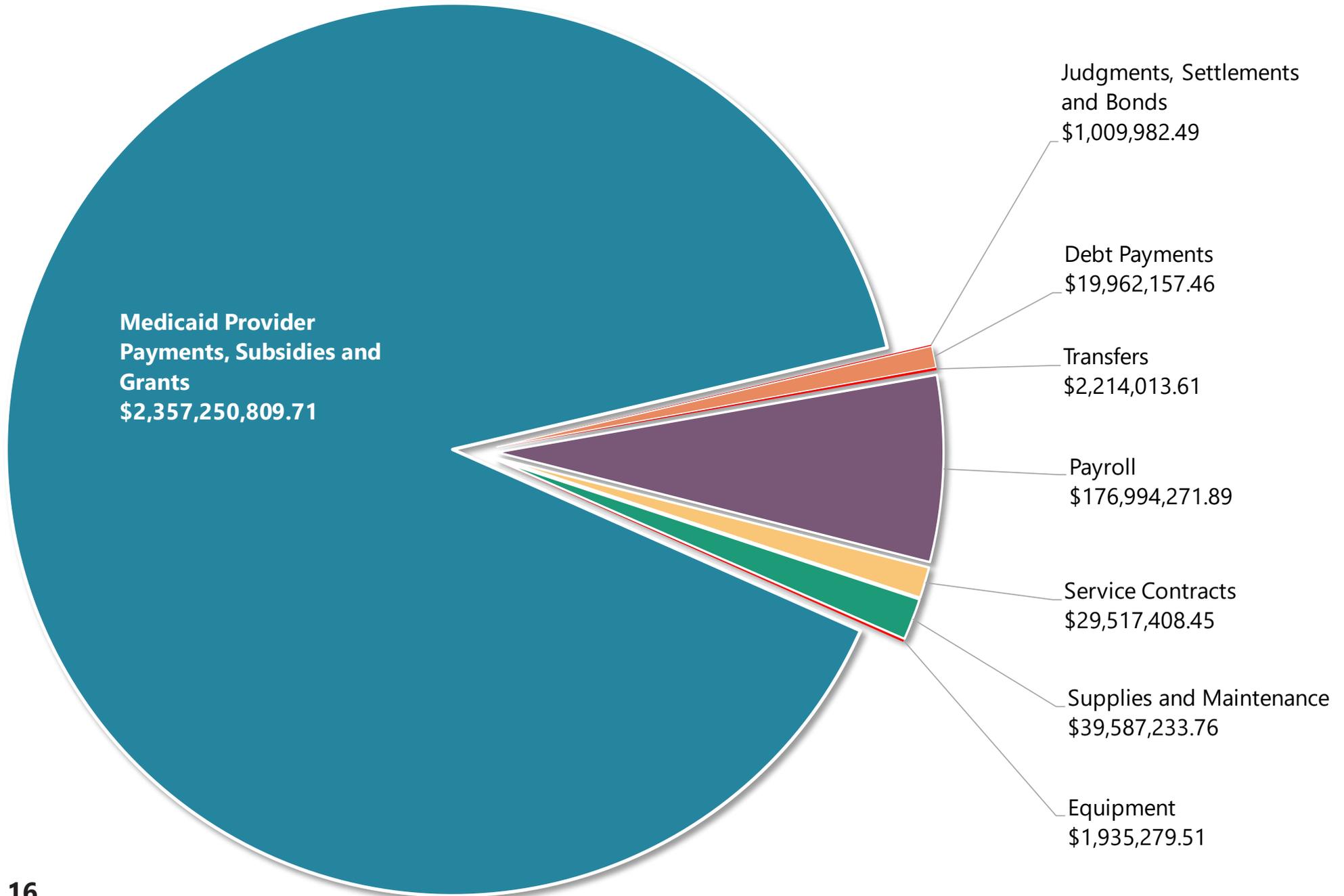
Offering opportunities for families to interact directly with the department, the council's quarterly meetings serve as open forums for input from people with developmental disabilities, families and advocates who help to shape system policies and programs. In FY 2017, meetings expanded to include participation through Facebook Live and reached on average an additional 1,300 people.

In 2016, Ohio was awarded the opportunity to participate in the National Community of Practice for Supporting Families, joining a multi-year effort to develop systems of support for families throughout the lifespan of a person with developmental disabilities.

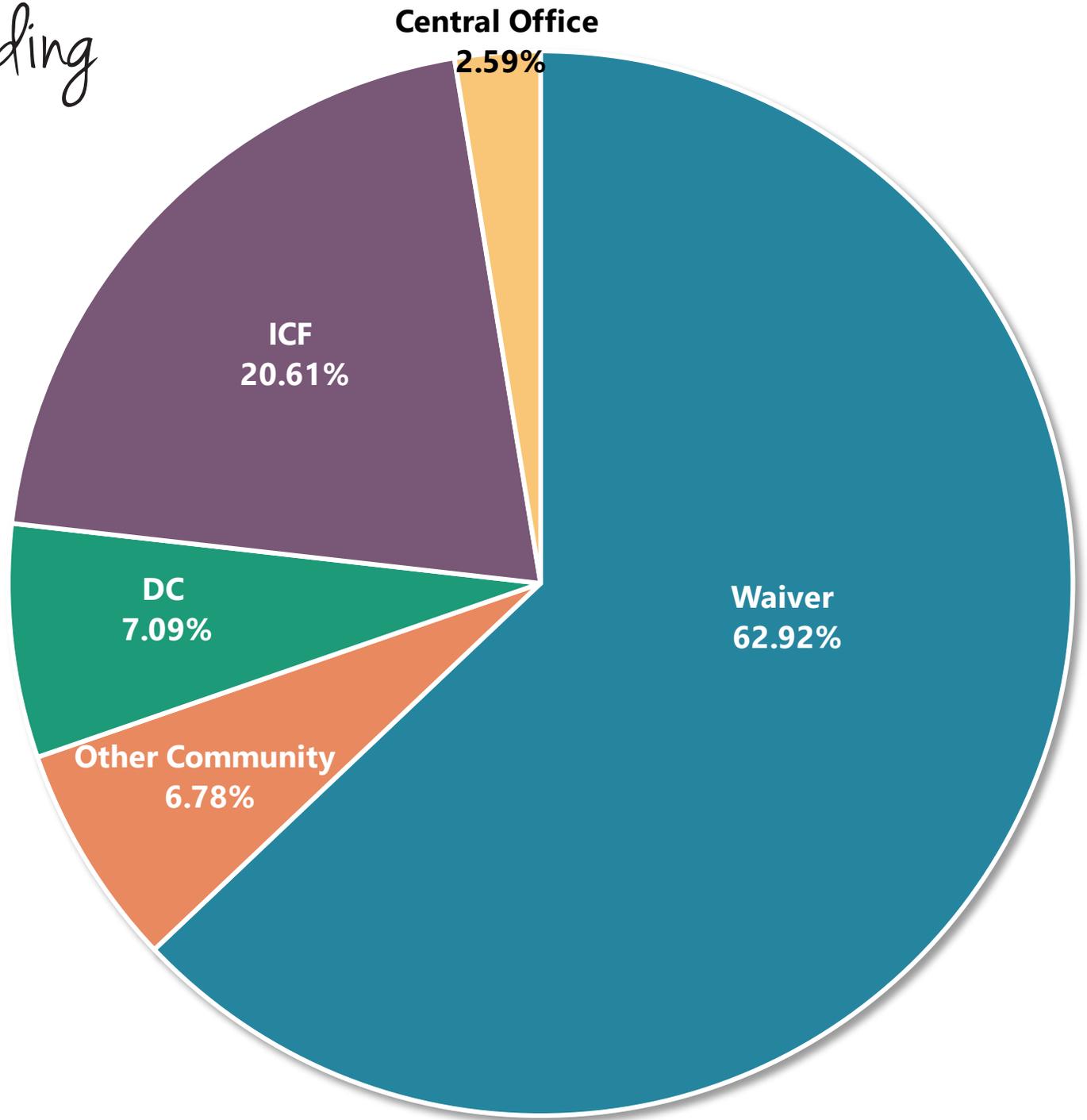
Families from across Ohio met for Charting the LifeCourse, a framework developed to help people of all ages and abilities develop a vision for a good life, identify or develop supports, and create a framework for living the life they want. Three hundred people came together for this two-day Community of Practice activity, creating a shared vision of the developmental disabilities field focused on enhancing community opportunities.



Expense Summary

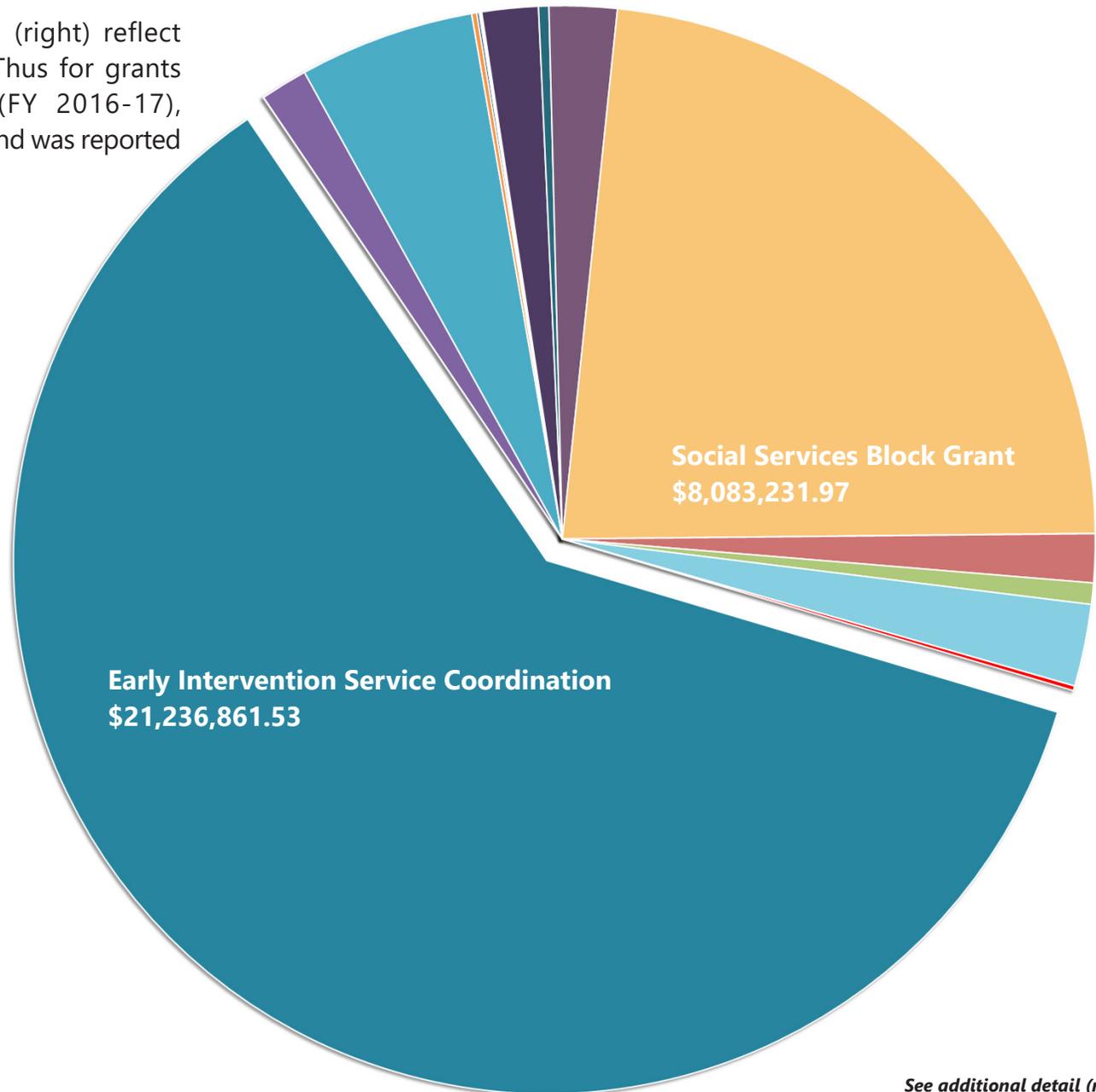


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by Program



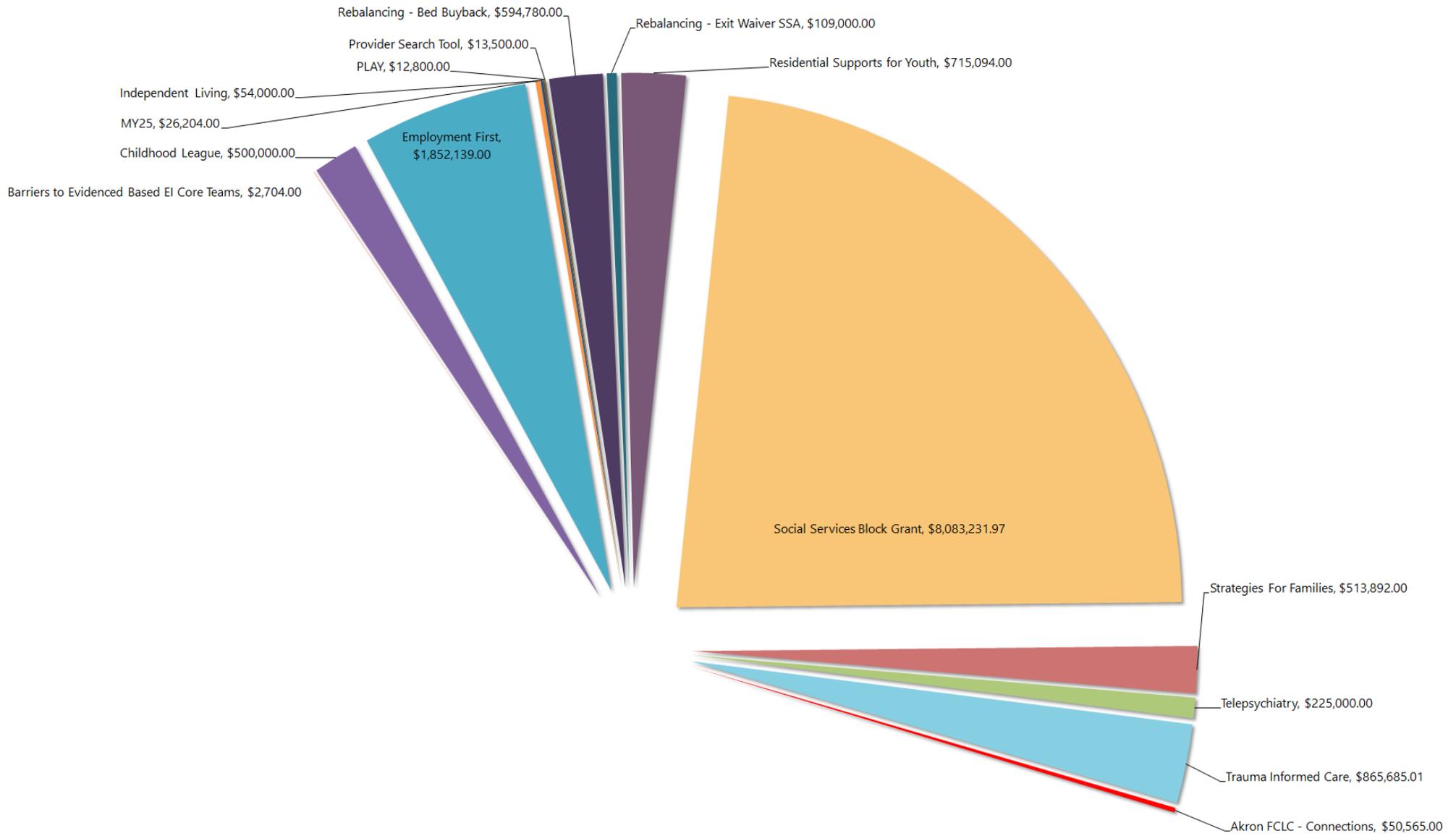
Grants Made by the Department

This chart and its expanded detail (right) reflect grant funds obligated in FY 2017. Thus for grants awarded across the biennium (FY 2016-17), the FY 2016 obligation was excluded and was reported in the FY 2016 annual report.



See additional detail (right).

Detail of Grants Made by the Department



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*Karl explains his job at Jeff Drennen Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Ram of Coshocton, where he details vehicles.*

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